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For: **TERMINAL CONDITION CONTROLLING METHOD AND APPARATUS**

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2005, Applicants submit herewith an amendment for entry into the above-identified file. A petition for a two (2) months extension of time is also submitted: